



A Message About Your Village Taxes...



Village of Wellington

August 2003

Village residents, after 7 years of incorporation, continue to enjoy one of the County's lowest tax rates. In fact, the Village has invested roughly \$58 million in capital infrastructure and improvements in the last six years! The Village has significantly increased services ranging from new parks, better roads, greater police protection, improved garbage collection, pool facility, tennis facilities, and a multi-purpose community center.

The Past 5 Years.....

- Wellington Community Center
- Aquatic and Tennis Centers
- Tiger Shark Cove Park and Playground
- Village Park and the Gymnasium
- Major Thoroughfare Landscaping
- Various Bike/Pedestrian Paths and Traffic Flow Improvements
- Best Management Practices
- Neighborhood Beautification Projects
- Enhanced Law Enforcement
- Local Planning, Zoning and Building, including oversight of development such as Wellington Green Mall and Olympia
- Local Control of Trash Collection

To meet these demands, our Capital Improvement Program reflects continued attention to infrastructure with projects totaling roughly \$50 million over the next five years. The good news is that continued development will continue to boost the Village's taxable value. In fact, the Village anticipates taxable values to grow to nearly \$4.7 billion by 2008.

Our top priority is meeting our service levels and keeping pace with the rapid growth. Not only are we preparing for additional development of out-parcels at the Wellington Green Mall, but we are anticipating over 4,500 new single and multi-family homes over the course of the next five years with over 1,600 in the coming year.

The Next 5 Years.....

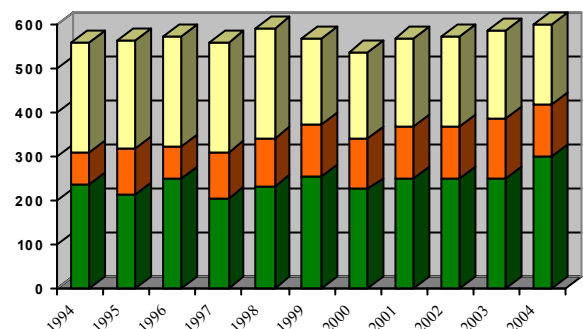
- New Gymnasium
- Wellington Community Park Renovations
- Additional Baseball Complex with 7 fields
- More Soccer Fields, Football Fields, Basketball Courts and Roller Hockey
- Future Park Site Acquisition and Development
- Neighborhood Parks Renovations
- Water Quality Solutions
- Reconstruction of Southshore Boulevard to a two lane, divided roadway from Greenview Shores to lake Worth Road
- Pierson Road Extension
- Pump Station Rehabilitation and Reconstruction
- Continued Annual Maintenance and Beautification Programs
- Automated Garbage Collection

The Village's *proposed* budget for FY03/04 continues the high level of service expected by our residents. The following rates are "proposed" and will be finalized by the Village Council in September:

- \$ No increase in the ACME Drainage Assessment of \$120 for the 4th year running.
- \$ A \$7 increase in the Solid Waste Collection Assessment from \$99 to \$106 per unit. This is because we are changing to an automated collection process to improve your service. New garbage containers will be provided to each household at no additional cost. This process is quieter and improves the appearance of the Village with the ability to roll your garbage to the curb instead of carrying it. Stay tuned for more information on how and when the changes will take place.
- \$ The Ad Valorem rate has not increased in 3 years. The proposed preliminary rate for the coming year is 3.0 mills and is still the second lowest rate in the County. This is an increase of 0.5 mills over the current rate 2.5 mills. This represents a \$50 increase per \$100,000 taxable value. The increase generally results from continuing to implement the high level of service set forth in our Comprehensive Plan and expected by our residents. Village residents have enjoyed significant increases in services ranging from new parks to better roads to greater police protection.

Total Village Taxes

FY 1994-2004



■ Solid Waste
■ Drainage Assessments
■ Ad Valorem Taxes, Operating Assessments, & Debt

The changes in the non Ad Valorem assessments for the Solid Waste collection system requires the Village to provide the attached legal notification.

Our Vision

- Family
- Educational Excellence
- Recreational & Cultural Opportunities
- Public Safety
- Environmental Respect
- Sound Government
- Civic Pride
- Community Appearance
- Equestrian Interests

Our budget is a comprehensive fiscal and operational planning process. In essence, it is a strategic plan within the public policy framework set forth by Council. This strategic planning process requires an extensive series of goal setting (both micro and macro goals) in all of the departments and for the Village overall. Further, the budget provides the framework for us to measure our success throughout the year and contains a number of performance benchmarks. The VISION of Wellington is Quality of Life, including a very strong emphasis on recreation, education and public safety. The *main goal* is to implement the vision and the policies as articulated by the Village Council to maintain a superior level of management and financial integrity for

Village residents. All additional goals are born from this thought and are directly linked to this main objective. In total, there are some 250 goals targeted for the upcoming year that form the basis of the budget.

Parks & Recreation

- Continue to monitor customer satisfaction through written and telephone surveys resulting in a minimum of a 33% participation response rate and a minimum of 95% satisfaction rating.
- Increase revenues at the Aquatics Complex, tennis center and Wellington Community Center and increase annual tennis pass sales and play during non-peak hours at the Tennis Center.
- Enhance cultural activities and senior activities at the Wellington Community Center to attract additional participants.
- Continue to achieve one hundred percent (100%) NUSCA certification for all youth athletic coaches.

	<i>Actual FY 98-99</i>	<i>Projected FY 03-04</i>
# of acres mowed and maintained annually	10,278	11,039
Athletic Participants	4,830	5,500
Community Program Participants	3,263	8,000
Tennis Participants	N/A	40,000
Pool Participants	N/A	33,000
Special Events Held	17	30

Surface Water Management

- Investigate and install applicable BMP devices for storm water quality improvement.
- Continue aggressive canal maintenance and easement programs.
- Continue sediment removal program (4 miles).
- Continue dredging program (one mile).
- Clean 3 miles of storm water pipe.
- Complete construction of an additional Pump Station (#6) which will enhance surface water management in the northeast quadrant of Wellington.

	<i>Actual FY 98-99</i>	<i>Projected FY 03-04</i>
Canal acres aquatic weed control	253	265
Miles of canals maintained	39	60

Sample

Department Goals

FY 2004

Roadways

- Complete Pierson Road Extension and By-Pass.
- Resurface 11 miles of roadway and 3 miles of pathways.
- Install 162 sidewalk access sections to improve pedestrian accessibility.
- Install new larger street name signs at thoroughfare intersections to improve safety.
- Repair walkways and roadways to insure safety of residents.
- Continue working with the Equestrian Committee to install safe equestrian road crossings.

	<i>Actual FY 98-99</i>	<i>Projected FY 03-04</i>
Miles of unimproved roads graded monthly	284	316
Miles of road resurfaced with asphalt annually	0	11
Miles of road resurfaced with shellrock annually	2	8

Villagewide Goals

- Water Quality Solutions
- Strategic Plan
- Fiscal Responsibility
- Staff Development
- Technology
- Service Delivery/Customer Service
- Uniform Land Development Code
- Annexations
- Water Conservation
- Award-Winning Government

**PROPOSED FY 03-04 BUDGET COMPARED TO
ADOPTED FY 02-03 BUDGET**

	Proposed Budget FY 03/04	Adopted Budget FY 02/03
Operations:		
General Government	\$ 31,345,934	\$ 27,663,398
Surface Water Management	1,232,715	1,184,234
Solid Waste	2,283,763	2,291,317
Utilities	<u>10,225,492</u>	<u>9,767,355</u>
Total Operating Budget	\$ <u>45,087,904</u>	\$ <u>40,906,304</u>
Capital Outlay:		
General Government	13,815,025	9,014,750
Surface Water Management	7,228,750	4,794,500
Solid Waste	57,201	0
Utilities	<u>11,958,040</u>	<u>8,723,850</u>
Total Capital Budget	\$ <u>33,059,016</u>	\$ <u>22,533,100</u>
Total	\$ <u>78,146,920</u>	\$ <u>63,439,404</u>

The above amounts exclude (1) Governmental Funds transfers totaling \$23,018,630 and Enterprise Funds transfers totaling \$1,571,154 (2) Additions/Decreases to reserves (3) Mid-year budget amendments in fiscal year 2002/2003. The transfers are necessary to comply with General Accepted Governmental Accounting Principles, but do not represent actual cash transactions.

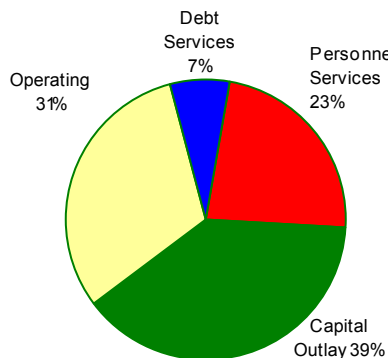
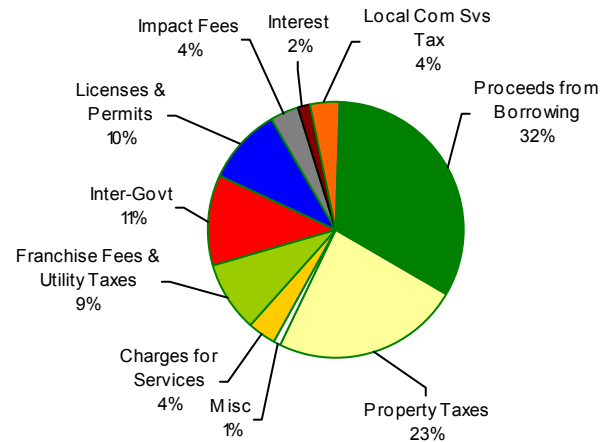
The Proposed Comprehensive Budget is a \$78.1 million total budget and includes both our general government and enterprise operations.

The operating budget for the General Government is \$31.3 million excluding capital projects, an increase of \$3.7 million over the current fiscal year. The operating budget for Surface Water Management or ACME Drainage is \$1.2 million excluding capital projects, an increase of \$48,000 over the current fiscal year. The Enterprise operating budget is \$12.5 million and includes both the solid waste operations (\$2.3 million) and the utilities operations (\$10.2 million). The total increase in the Enterprise funds is approximately \$451 thousand. **We have been able to keep the water and sewer rates the same for the last 10 years.**

The proposed capital budget, for both governmental funds and enterprise funds, is roughly \$33 million—a increase of \$10.5 million from last year. These additional funds will be instrumental in the implementation of the new automated garbage collection, maintaining the new gym and maintenance for the new soccer fields, football fields, basketball courts and hockey rink.

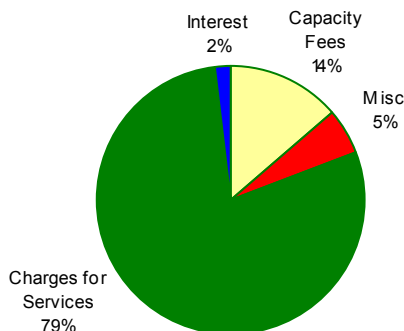
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

The chart at right reflects where the money comes from. Although we usually spend an awful lot of time talking about property taxes, when looking at where the money comes from in the governmental funds, it is important to note property taxes represent only 23% or roughly \$12 million of a total of nearly \$52 million in revenue sources. More important, we need to note that roughly 42% of revenues are elastic (population and economy driven). These include franchise fees, utility taxes, state revenue sharing, licenses, permits and impact fees.



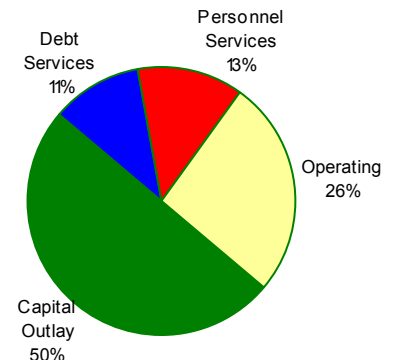
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - WHERE THE MONEY GOES

The chart at left reflects total governmental expenditures or in other words, where the money goes. It is important to note that expenditures in Wellington break down a bit differently than you often see in other municipalities—Generally, *our capital at nearly 39% is fairly high while our staffing costs at only 23% are very, very low. It is more typical to see personnel costs someplace between 50 to 75%. Further, our debt service costs at only 7% are a reflection of our financial flexibility.*



ENTERPRISE FUNDS

The Enterprise Funds Budget consists of both the Water & Sewer Utility operations as well as the Solid Waste Function. Our system has grown by new customers from a total of 12,966 in 1996 to 19,900 projected for 2004. The rates charged for Water and Sewer Utility Services do not appear on your tax bill. This user fee is billed monthly based on the actual amount of water used.





**For more information on the budget call (561) 791-4000 or write us at
14000 Greenbriar Boulevard Wellington, FL 33414**

Community Benchmarks

A quick review of our community benchmarks shows how Wellington has grown in the last five years. In fact, Wellington is now the **5th largest city** in Palm Beach County!

Visit us on the Web!

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Village Council

Thomas M. Wenham, Mayor

Mark B. Miles, Vice Mayor

Lizbeth Benacquisto, Councilwoman

Robert S. Margolis, Councilman

Laurie S. Cohen, Councilwoman

Village Manager

Charles H. Lynn, AICP

DATES FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS:

All hearings are held at the
Wellington Community Center
(12165 West Forest Hill Boulevard)

Tuesday, August 26th at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 9th at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 16th at 7 p.m.

	<u>1997/1998 Actual</u>	<u>2003/2004 Projected</u>	<u>%</u>
Population	28,585	47,132	65%
School Enrollment	7,300	12,690	74%
Assessed Valuation (in millions)	\$1,671	\$3,533	114%
Law Enforcement:			
# of Calls for Service	17,727	30,600	73%
# of Sworn Police Officers	26	46	77%
Selected Annual Activities:			
Customer Requests	35,080	35,400	.1%
Internet Requests	52	75,000	1442%
MIS Network Users Supported	55	205	373%
Resolutions Adopted	59	150	254%
Ordinances Adopted	26	35	35%
Bids Awarded	34	35	3%
Building Permits ⁽¹⁾	0	5,316	—
Building Inspections ⁽¹⁾	0	60,000	—
Code Enforcement Investigations ⁽²⁾	0	18,000	—
Acres of Parks Mowed & Maintained	6,700	11,039	65%
Recreation Participants - annual:			
Community Programs & Events	4,000	8,000	200%
Aquatics Facility (opened 99/00)	0	33,000	—
Tennis Facility (opened 99/00)	0	40,000	—
Solid Waste Accounts ⁽³⁾	0	19,500	—
Active Utility Accounts	13,634	20,000	47%
Annual Water Sales (gallons)	1,631,000	2,068,000	27%
Tons Sludge Processed & Disposed	4,900	9,609	96%
Utility Bills Produced	183,700	237,740	29%

(1) PZ&B activities were contracted to Palm Beach County until FY 98-99.

(2) Code Compliance was primarily the responsibility of First Wellington until FY 98/99.

(3) Solid Waste brought in-house FY 98-99.